

Doctor of Laws honoris causa

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J. C. Cole

Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation Madam Justice Frances Kiteley and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

After her Call to the Bar in 1976, Frances Kiteley began a successful practice in civil litigation and family law. In 1987, she was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada and served in that position until 1995 when she was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice.

Elected at a time when women Benchers were still few in numbers, Frances Kiteley made enormous contributions to Convocation and initiated great changes that shattered the stereotypical attitudes held by many of her male colleagues. During her term, she served in a number of high profile positions and was particularly effective in making women's issues a Law Society priority. In 1994, she was awarded the Law Society Medal in recognition of her contributions.

Madam Justice Kiteley has made important contributions to the administration of law in Ontario. She is most deserving of this honour and I request you, Sir, to confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.